



# Pride News...

## Headteacher's Message...

Date - Issue 17.02.2023

Dear Parents / Carers

We have reached the end of another busy half term. We have been absolutely delighted with the engagement of the children in their learning and your support for this. It really helps when we have partnership between parents and school to ensure that we achieve the very best for your child.

### Learning at Home

When I first started this position in June 2022 through a parental survey it was identified that parents would like more opportunities to learn alongside their child at home. We implemented a new policy in September 2022 with very clear expectations. Over the last few weeks we have seen a decrease in the number of children bringing homework back and I would like to explore the reasons for this with you. It would be helpful if you could complete the survey, which can be found here (<https://forms.office.com/e/XVevcK3Zxx>). If you have more than one child in school please complete this for each child

### Smoking

We have received some concerns from parents about other parents smoking or vaping near the school gates. Can I request that everyone is mindful of this and the effects this may have on another children. We have a number of children that are asthmatic and it may not help their breathing. Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

I hope you take time over the holidays to have a break and enjoy time as a family. This is important for the children and is certainly something I will be doing with my children. I am sure I will be out playing football with my girls. I hope that you all come back refreshed and ready for the new term.

Pete Hales





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## PRIDE AWARDS!

These children have shown what it means to be:

- ★ **Be Positive**
- ★ **Be Respectful**
- ★ **Be Individual**
- ★ **Be Determined**
- ★ **Be Excellent**

### PRIDE Award WINNERS...

**Acorn** – Syreese

**Ash** – Theo and Nimah

**Birch** – Andrew and Amy-Rose

**Chestnut** – Alfie, Deacon, Adi

**Elm** – Winter

**Maple** – Kobi and Theo

**Oak** – Erin and Sam

### PRIDE Champions

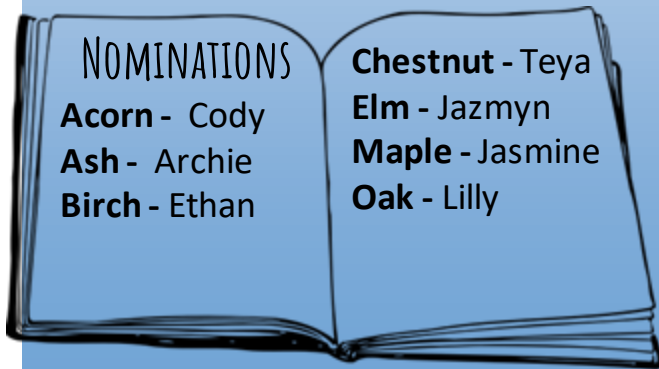
Lacie-Mae (Acorn)

Efe (Elm)

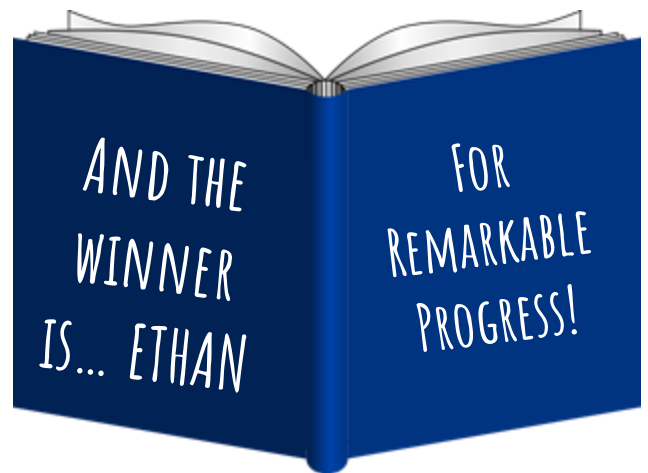




## WILLOW'S STAR READER SPECIAL SURPRISE AWARD



STAR READER...



Each week teachers will nominate a star reader from their class. A star reader is someone who has shown progress in reading, shown enjoyment of reading someone who has overcome difficulties in reading or shares their love of reading with the class or a friend. At Willow Primary Academy, we know the key to knowledge is reading and we want to inspire a lifelong love of reading! Willow has a special surprise book for the Super Star Reader to take home, keep, read and enjoy!



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## Attendance Superstars

This week: **94.64%**  
Our year so far: **93.82%**

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	100%
Ash	95.92%
Birch	94.23%
Chestnut	96.06%
Elm	96.03%
Maple	93.87%
Oak	92.05%



## Reminder

Gates are open by 8.45am and close shortly after. Please ensure your child is on time and ready to learn.

If your child arrives late you need to take them to reception and you as the parent must sign them in on the screen.

Thank you for your cooperation





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## Dates for Your Diary

### Term Dates for 2022 – 2023

Term 1 from Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022 to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Term 2 from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Term 3 from Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Term 4 from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Term 5 from Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023 to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Term 6 from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023 to Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023

### School Events

**Friday 17th February 2023** – INSET Day

**Thursday 23rd March 2023** – Screening vision and Measuring height and weight of children in Reception and Year 6.

**Monday 17th April** – INSET Day

**May 2023** – start of Key Stage 1 SAT's

**Tuesday 9th May** – start of Key Stage 2 SAT's week

**Monday 22nd May to Wednesday 24th May** – Year 6 Residential

**Thursday 25th May** – Year 6 Trip to Skillszone

**Friday 26th May** – Year 5 Trip to Skillszone

**Monday 5th June** – start of Year 4 multiplication tests

**Monday 12th June** – start of phonics screening check

**Monday 3rd July** – start of Willow Primary Academy Careers Week







# Pride News...



Willow Primary Academy are looking to hold an inspiring and exciting careers week from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023. They will be taking part in workshops, activities and talks around their future throughout the week.

We are looking for a variety of people interested in talking to our pupils about their career. We want to expand children's horizons, and this is a fantastic way to provide them with first-hand knowledge of potential career opportunities.

Working with you, we would determine which year groups would be best for you to work with and whether you could offer a talk or a workshop.

We would anticipate that talks would last for approximately 30 minutes and would involve a short presentation. Workshops would be more practical hands-on demonstration for pupils and would last around about an hour. We could also bring pupils to a place of work to further enhance their experience.

If this is of interest to you, please don't hesitate to contact me. Alternatively, if you know of anybody who may be interested, then please pass on the information





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## PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2023

COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL



### **ASDA CAFE**

Kids eat for £1 all day, every day with no adult spend until the end of March 2023

### **HUNGRY HORSE**

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays. Then Tuesday to Friday between 3 – 5pm selected Kids' meals are £1 & larger meals are £1.50.

### **PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM**

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

### **WHITBREAD INNS**

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

### **ANGUS STEAKHOUSE**

One free children's meal per paid adult meal 12-5pm daily throughout the holidays

### **TABLE TABLE**

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### **THE REAL GREEK**

Kids eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

### **SIZZLING PUBS**

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

### **BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE**

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### **MORRISONS**

Spend £4.99 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.

### **PRETO**

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto during Half Terms

### **BELLA ITALIA**

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

### **YO! SUSHI**

From February half term, kids eat free all day at YO! Sushi with any adult £10 spend

### **SA BRAINS PUBS**

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

### **FUTURE INNS**

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

### **IKEA**

Kids get a meal for 95p or £1.50 from 11am - All day, every day.

### **FARMHOUSE INNS**

Kids eat for £1 is currently on until Jan 31st but expected to be extended

### **TESCO CAFES**

Likely but not yet announced

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**The not so secret book club**  
by Read with me

**Gloucester**

**Robinswood Hill Country Park**

**11am - 2pm**

**Tuesday 21st February**

**Free books to take home**

**Storytelling**

**Craft Activities**

**Treasure Hunt**

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